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SUBJ: PREPARATION FOR PALESTINE NATIONAL
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1. GUMHURIYYA APRIL 16 FEATURES ARTICLE BY STAFFER AHMAD
ABBAS FROM DAMASCUS CONCERNING EFFORTS OF PLO EX COM
AND /OTHER COMMANDS" TO PREPARE FOR PNC TO BE HELD IN
CAIRO MAY 23.

2. ACCORDING TO ABBAS, TWO CONTRADICTIONARY "PROGRAMS"
ARE UNDER DISCUSSION. PROGRAM ONE, CALLED "NATIONAL
ACTION GUIDE," IS MODERATE. IT REPORTEDLY CALLS FOR
ARAB COUNTRIES TO ADHERE TO UN RESOLUTIONS AS MINIMUM
ACCEPTABLE "RIGHTS" DUE PALESTINIANS, AND ASKS THESE
COUNTRIES TO ESCALATE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL MEASURES
AGAINST STATES SUPPORTING ISRAEL UNTIL WITHDRAWAL IS
COMPLETED. FURTHER, GUIDE CALLS FOR "RENEWAL OF
PALESTINIAN-JORDANIAN UNITY ON NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC
BASES," AND URGES CONTACTS AT HIGHEST LEVELS WITH ARAB
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COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY SYRIA AND EGYPT, TO WORK WITH

PLO TO CARRY OUT ENTIRE PROGRAM.

2.PROGRAM TWO, CALLED "PALESTINIAN POLITICAL ACTION PROGRAM," INSISTS ON CONTINUATION OF WAR AS GUARANTEE OF LIBERATION OF PALESTINE, AND REJECTS ALL "SETTLEMENTS."

3. COMMENT: PROGRAM TWO/2 CLEARLY SMACKS OF GEORGE HABBASH. ON ITS SURFACE PROGRAM ONE SUGGESTS GENERAL MODERATION, PARTICULARLY THE ALLEDGED "CALL" FOR JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN RECONCILIATION. IF REPORT IS ACCURATE, SOME VERSION OF HERETOFORE DESPISED UAK PLAN SEEMS TO BE UNDER DISCUSSION. EILTS

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